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SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 1904.

Hearst Defeated in Essex.

The efforts of Colonel E. L. Price to carry Essex county for Wm. R. Hearst failed almost completely, and while he captured about thirty delegates, he cut no figure in the county convention on Friday night of last week. The convention selected John R. Hardin of Newark and Lawrence T. Fell of Orange as delegates to the National Convention at St. Louis for the Seventh Congressional District, with Percy Jackson of Belleville and Abram C. Deenman of Newark as alternates, and Gottfried Krueger and James R. Nugent of Newark as delegates from the Eighth District, with Walter I. McCoy of South Orange and Frederick Seymour of East Orange as alternates. Ex-Senator James Smith was endorsed for delegate-at-large. He was enthusiastically welcomed when he appeared in the convention. Frank M. McDermitt acted as chairman.

The Hearst men proposed Joseph R. Buchanan of Montclair for delegate-at-large, and George H. Lambert of Newark, John McGowan of Orange, Charles Wenzel of Newark and Elwood Pomeroy of East Orange as district delegates, but the vote was taken viva voce and no count was made. The Hearst men seemed timid and were not very well marshalled. When the vote was taken the Hearst men left the convention, but their bolt does not seem to have any effect. They will go to State Convention at Trenton and join their fellow Hearsters in an attempt to get some recognition, but it does not appear likely the entire Hearst vote in the State gathering will be large enough to accomplish any result.

As Seen from Abroad.

North Plainfield extends greetings to Bloomfield, and congratulates her on the great victory at the polls Thursday, whereby the "anties" defeated the "annexationists" by a majority of 253. [The correct majority was 274].

The telegraphic news states that "never in the history of the town was there so much interest shown in an election." From sunrise until sunset the people having the affairs of the opposing sides in charge were hurrying here and there to get the full vote out, while every kind of a horse and carriage, as well as old stage coaches from neighboring municipalities, were brought into play. Expense was not even considered. All who could possibly be got out were brought to the polls, and the vote exceeded that at any previous election held in the town. There was no disorder of any kind at any of the polling places, and politics was not considered. Republicans, Democrats and Prohibitionists joined together. Many New York business men took a day off and cheerfully from the minute the polls opened.

Doesn't that sound natural to the North Plainfield people? How it recalls the time when we voted down annexation here, and those old war-horse Republicans, A. V. D. Honeyman, Charles Place and Dr. Cooley worked side by side with their Democratic friends, John H. Van Winkle, S. S. Swackhamer and Andrew Love, and hosts of other good Republicans and Democrats! How they did hustle and what a vote was polled! All of which goes to show that annexation is unpopular in New Jersey, and that money influences only a few votes, for it is claimed that the Bloomfield annexationists were backed by the big brewers and corporations and the barrel was open at both ends. Yet in spite of their money and their hard work, they lost, because there was no popular demand by the people for annexation, and it is simply impossible for a lot of politicians to succeed in carrying out a scheme of this kind that the people are not in favor with, no matter how much money may be spent.—North Plainfield Weekly News.

Increasing Its Capital.

The Crocker-Wheeler Company, manufacturers and electrical engineers, located at Amper, the first station on the Lackawanna Railroad beyond Waterson, has decided to increase its capital stock from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000. The company, which is said to be the largest of the independent electrical manufacturers in this country, was organized in 1892 by Dr. Schuyler Skates Wheeler and Prof. Francis B. Crocker, on a relatively modest basis. It now has fifteen branch offices from Boston to San Francisco, and does one of the largest businesses in the world in electric power apparatus. The capitalization was increased several times until in 1899 it had become \$1,000,000. In view of the rapidly expanding business the stockholders have now decided to increase this amount to \$2,000,000.

New Telephone Subscribers.

The New York and New Jersey Telephone Company reports the following new subscribers: 1234, Mrs. Katherine Hermann, 235 Glenwood avenue; 123, Warren B. Moore, 106 Broad street; 1245, Wm. H. White, M. D., 451 Frank 3d street.

Veterans Entertained.

Thirty veterans of the Civil War and members of their families were entertained Tuesday night by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hoff Seely at their home, No. 41 Norman street, East Orange. A varied programme of entertaining numbers was rendered in an informal manner from 8.30 to 10.30 o'clock. This included features by Buck and Godman, professional colored entertainers. Their vocal and instrumental selections met with applause from the soldiers.

Several of the guests contributed to the evening's enjoyment with musical selections of a classical character, all of which were enthusiastically approved by the audience.

At 11 o'clock, to the tune of a martial air, the veterans marched to the dining-room, where supper was served. The decorations of the rooms and tables and the favors were all of a patriotic nature, and highly appreciated by the soldier guests.

Over their coffee, with cigars alight, the men were called to order to tell once more of the days when they wore the nation's blue. The host kept them within the bounds of possibility by ringing a bell when they made the bullets fly too thickly. It was past midnight when they broke camp.

Before separating the guests gave three rousing cheers for the host.

Among those present were Nathan Russell, Samuel Q. Hayter, Dr. F. D. Shells and daughter, Mrs. Wm. A. Holt; J. M. Bancroft, W. H. Moore, Theodore Cadmus, Recorder George M. Cadmus, J. H. Smith, George H. Sammis and Richard K. Scuyler, all of this town; Commander Williams of Uzal Dodd Post, No. 12, of Orange; Uriah Seely, Sr., and James Seely of East Orange; Rev. Dr. and Mrs. D. S. Mulhern of West Orange, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. M. Seely and Charles Smith of Fort Monmouth, and Joseph Colyer and Wm. Robotham of Newark.

Hospital Building Fund.

The condition of the Mountaineers Hospital building fund is as follows: Previously acknowledged, \$36,922.35; Wm. Feisler, \$50; F. G. H. Fayen, \$25; Harris H. Uhler, \$25; total, \$36,922.35. The time is fast approaching when, unless more money is subscribed, a mortgage must be placed upon the hospital in order to meet the rapidly accumulating final payments for construction and for the necessary equipment. Relying upon the interest shown in the past by its friends, and upon the intimation received from several quarters that the hospital would be aided about this time, the governors still hope that the building fund may be so increased that only a small mortgage, if any, will burden the association.

Base-Ball.

The Bloomfield High School ball team expects to have a very successful season. Rowland King has been selected as captain. Last year he played second base and made but few errors. He had the best batting average on the team, it being .658. Some who are trying for a position on the team are J. Adams, Geo. Jamison, L. Weber, Charles Lawrence, Richard Adams and F. Tydemann. The following schedule has been arranged by Manager Jamison: April 12, Kearny High School at Bloomfield; April 16, Waterson F. C. at Waterson; April 18, Orange H. S. at Orange; April 20, Newark H. S. at Newark; April 23, New Brunswick H. S. at New Brunswick; April 27, Montclair H. S. at Montclair; April 30, Passaic H. S. at Passaic; May 4, South Orange H. S. at South Orange; May 7, Paterson H. S. at Paterson; May 14, Passaic H. S. at Bloomfield; May 21, Paterson H. S. at Bloomfield; May 24, Eola B. C. at Princeton; May 28, Bergen Institute at Jersey City; June 4, Orange H. S. at Bloomfield.

Anxious for Trolley Extension.

The people living along the Valley road between Montclair and Montclair Heights are anxious for the extension of the trolley line to Paterson on the north and Orange on the south. They say that the line begins and ends nowhere, an urge that it would be a favorite line to Paterson if it was put through, and at the same time would have a large influence in building up the territory between Montclair and the North road. An extension of the lower Valley trolley line, which passes through this town as far as Bay avenue, would have a similar effect in developing Brookdale, and would also afford an easy way of reaching Paterson. The subject of this extension has been broached for some time, and it will no doubt be accomplished before many years have passed.

Cranberry Lake's Hotel.

Judge Hunt of the Sussex County Court granted a license in Newton last Friday for the Lackawanna's summer excursion resort at Cranberry Lake. The company submitted plans for a hotel which is to be erected on the east side of the lake, and is to be completed by the opening day, May 30. It will be 125 feet long by 40 feet wide, and contain thirty sleeping rooms, a large dining-hall, bar-room, etc.

The court complimented the management on the manner in which the resort was run last year, and stated he believed it was for the best interests of the community to grant the license and hold one man responsible for the proper conduct of the place.

It is stated that a summer theatre is also in contemplation, and that the Lackawanna Company will make a great many improvements that have been held up on account of the hotel question.

In New Offices.

The old Orange office of the New York and New Jersey Telephone Company at No. 11 Cone street, Orange, and the old East Orange central office at No. 372 Main street, East Orange, have both been abandoned on account of all subscribers in these offices having been transferred to the new central office at No. 9 Baldwin street, East Orange.

The business of the late George Riker will be continued as before under the firm name of "The George Riker Building Company." J. L. Riker and O. Frederick Riker will constitute the new firm. The former is well-known in Bloomfield, having been associated with his father for a number of years. Mr. O. F. Riker, formerly of this town, learned the trade with George Riker, and for the past six years has been with Norcross Bros. of New York city, and Worcester, Mass., as outside superintendent of construction. He had charge of the erection of the new Central Railroad depot at Albany, N. Y., and also completed the laying in Hospital at 17th street and 3d avenue, New York, and other city buildings.

New Amsterdam Theatre.

The revival of "The Two Orphans" at Klaw & Erlanger's New Amsterdam Theatre, New York, will prove the greatest financial, as well as artistic, hit of the current season. Its second week, ending last Saturday, showed receipts of nearly \$17,000. The receipts of its first week—Holy Week—were nearly as large. This generous patronage well demonstrates the really extraordinary public interest which exists in this startling old play and indicates the attendance of unusually large audiences till the end of its run.

Messrs. Bellow, O'Neill and Warner and Misses George, Illington and Otis also receive special recognition. In the old boat-house scene in the last act these players are at their best, the thrilling knife duel between Mr. Warner as "Jacques" and Mr. O'Neill as "Pierre" moving their auditors as dramatic situations rarely affect an audience. In fact, this revival of "The Two Orphans" brings back the "palmy days" of the stage, of which the father delights to tell the son—the days when the inherent merit of the play and the art of the player were more relied on than the physical side of a production to command it to public attention.

The stay of "The Two Orphans" at the New Amsterdam Theatre will be limited. Seats may be secured for any performance in the next four weeks by letter, enclosing remittance, directed to the New Amsterdam Theatre, New York.

New York Theatre.

"The Tenderfoot," at the New York Theatre, is the greatest comic musical hit of the latter part of the current season. Richard Carle, as the Vermont Professor, conducting a party of girl tourists through the Southwest, has greatly added to the wide reputation as a humorous entertainer he made while connected with the New York Casino, where he played important comedy roles in the musical reviews which made this house so popular in "the old days." This attraction will remain but a short time longer at the New York, previous contracts making another extension of its run impossible.

The New Administration.

George Fisher, Councilman-at-Large, is not an inexperienced man in public affairs. He has served several years as a member of the Town Council, and as such chairman of several sub-committees. Mr. Fisher comes from a section of the town where the desire is intense for a lower tax rate, and it is not at all unlikely that, as head of the administration for the next two years, he will endeavor to direct public affairs along strict economic lines.

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